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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 29 MACE TO BRENNAN LETTER CITED
PARAS 2 REFTELS:

QUOTE:

I REFER TO THE MEETING OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ON 6 JUNE 1977, DURING WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED STATES MADE THE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT WAS PLEDGING SOME \$6 MILLION FOR SOUTH AFRICAN
STUDENT REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO STATE THAT WITH THIS CON-
TRIBUTION A TOTAL OF \$9.3 MILLION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY
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GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS THE IDENTIFIED NEEDS IN 1977 FOR
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA,
AS DESCRIBED IN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S APPEAL TO GOVERN-
MENTS OF 8 JUNE 1977. OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS, \$6,820,559
HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED BY DONORS OR ATTRIBUTED
BY UNHCR PARTLY OR ENTIRELY FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN
BOTSWANA AS SHOWN BELOW, AND ARE UNTIED AS TO PROCUREMENT.

DENMARK D171,986 (PART OF A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
OF \$664,452)
LIECHTENSTEIN 2,000
NETHERLANDS 243,955 (PART OF A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
OF \$1,000,000)
SWITZERLAND 23UWO (PART OF A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
OF \$80,972)
UNITED KINGDOM 341,880
UNITED STATES 6,000,000

THESE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A SPECIAL TRUST
FUND WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
"FINANCIAL RULES FOR VOLUNTARY FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES" (DOCUMENT A/AC.96/503 DATED
31 JULY 1974). THE RULES, BASED ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GOVERN ALL
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING PROCUREMENT) OF THE HIGH
COMMISSION AND EMBODY INTER ALIA APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS
RELATING TO THE CUSTODY OF FUNDS, INTERNAL CONTROL, ACCOUNTS
AND AUDIT. WITH REGARD TO THE UNITED STATES GRANT OF
SOME \$6 MILLION, UNHCR WOULD BE PLEASED TO FOLLOW PRO-
CEDURES SIMILAR TO THOSE USED FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S GRANT
IN 1975 TOWARDS UNHCR'S ASSISTANCE IN MOZAMBIQUE.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, I TRUST IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ARRANGE FOR AN EARLY
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TRANSFER OF ITS CONTRIBUTION FOR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES
IN BOTSWANA.

ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, PLEASE CONVEY TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT THE EXPRESSION OF OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR ITS
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UNHCR'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. UNQUOTE.VANDEN HEUVEL

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